

Campus Hills Water Works

2008 Drinking Water Quality Report



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Important Information about your Drinking Water:

Special points of interest:

- The water at Campus Hills Water Works was tested for over 120 different compounds
- The Campus Hills Water Works Drinking water met both State and Federal requirements.
- Drinking Water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some compounds. The presence of these compounds does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Safe Drinking Water Act Hotline (1-800-426-4791)

We're pleased to present to you the Annual Water Quality Report for 2008. This report is designed to inform you about the water quality and services we deliver to you every day.

Our goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. Last year more than 800 tests for over 120 compounds were conducted on the water at Campus Hills Water Works. Maryland Environmental Service assists Campus Hills in the operation of the water system and prepared this report on behalf of Campus Hills. We want you to understand the efforts made to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. We're

pleased to report that your drinking water met both Federal and State requirements. This report shows the water quality and explains what it means. If you have any questions about this report or have questions concerning your water utility, please contact **Mr. Jay Janney at 410-729-8350 and/or Ms. Martha Borg at (443) 904 - 3155.**

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain compounds in water provided by public water systems. We treat our water according to EPA's regulations. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

The water for Campus Hills Water Works comes from five wells in the Port Deposit, Gneiss and Wissahickon aquifers. After the water is pumped out of the well, we adjust the pH and add disinfectant to protect against microbial contaminants. The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) has performed an assessment of the source water. To obtain a copy of your source water please contact Mr. Jay Janney at the above phone number.

We want everyone to be informed about their water.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Water Quality Data

The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the 2008 calendar year. The presence of these compounds in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in

the table is from testing done January 1 – December 31, 2008. The State requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. Some of the data, though representative of the water quality, is more than one year old.

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Definitions				
Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLG's as feasible using the best available treatment technology.			
Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)	The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.			
Action Level	The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.			
ppm = parts per million or milligrams per liter				
ppb = parts per billion or micrograms per liter				
mrem/year = millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)				
pCi/l = picocuries per liter (a measure of radiation)				
Contaminant	Highest Level Allowed (EPA's MCL)	Highest Level Detected	Ideal Goal (EPA's MCLG)	Typical Sources of Contaminant
Regulated at the Treatment Plant, Route 22 Plant I.D. 01				
Nickel (2007 Testing)	100 ppb	3 ppb	100 ppb	Erosion of natural deposits
Barium (2007 Testing)	2 ppm	0.021 ppm	2 ppm	Erosion of natural deposits
Nitrate	10 ppm	0.59 ppm	10 ppm	Runoff from fertilizer use
Radium 226	5 pCi/l	0.1 pCi/l	0 pCi/l	Erosion of natural deposits
Gross Alpha	15 pCi/l	3 pCi/l	0 pCi/l	Erosion of natural deposits
Gross Beta	4 mrem/yr	0.4 mrem/yr	0 mrem/yr	Decay of natural and man-made deposits
Regulated at the Consumers Tap				
Copper	1.3 ppm (action level)	90th percentile = 0.905 ppm	1.3 ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing fixtures and systems
Lead	15 ppb (action level)	90th percentile = 3 ppb	0 ppb	Corrosion of household plumbing fixtures and systems

Drinking Water Sources:

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

RADON:

We constantly monitor the water supply for various constituents. We have detected radon in the water supply on a sample collected in May 2004. At this time, there is no Federal Regulation for radon levels in drinking water. Compared to radon entering the home through soil, radon entering the home through tap water will in most cases be a small source of radon in indoor air. Exposure to air transmitted radon over a long period of time may cause adverse health effects. The radon result of the May 2004 sample was 1562 pCi/l (pCi/l = picocuries per liter, a measure of radioactivity). For additional information call the EPA radon hotline at 1-800-SOS-RADON